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In the application of: Eldridge et al.

Application No.: 09/364,788

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For: INTERCONNECT ASSEMBLIES AND
METHODS

Examiner: Nguyen, S.

Group Art Unit: 2839

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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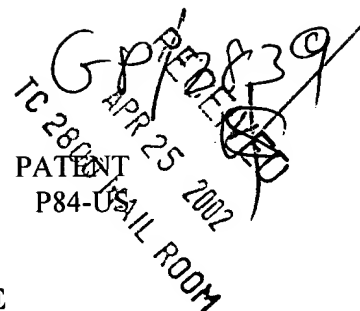
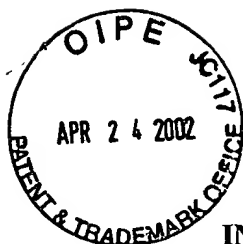
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US pat. appl. serial no.:	08/802,054	(P34-US)	filed	February 18, 1997
US pat. appl. serial no.:	09/753,310	(P34D1-US)	filed	December 29, 2000
US pat. appl. serial no.:	09/752,853	(P34D2-US)	filed	December 29, 2000
US pat. appl. serial no.:	09/694,205	(P35C1-US)	filed	October 20, 2000
US pat. appl. serial no.:	09/539,287	(P48D1-US)	filed	March 30, 1999
US pat. appl. serial no.:	09/364,855	(P96-US)	filed	July 30, 1999
US pat. appl. serial no.:	09/752,640	P96D1-US)	filed	December 29, 2000

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